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Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

By the present Amendments, claims 49-59, directed to Group I, are presented. The fees required are as set forth in the accompanying fee calculation sheet. The claim fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0258, as may any fees required for consideration of this paper.

The Applicant has canceled claims without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Moreover, the applicant reserves the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the canceled claims, the claims to non-elected inventions, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification. Any amendments made herein to the claims were made to solely expedite or otherwise facilitate prosecution and were not made nor should they be construed to have been made to overcome any issue of unpatentability of the claims as they existed prior to such amendments.

Support

The amendments to the specification are discussed in the November 3, 1998 Amendment. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendment present no new matter.

The claims have been revised to clarify the invention. Support for the amendments is either apparent, or is as described in the text below. More specifically, claim 49 finds support at page 14, lines 27-32 (14:27-32), 16:26-30 and 18:28-32. Claim 58 finds support at 26:1-7. Claim 57 finds support at 21:24-26; note that the "includes" language in claim 58 is supported by the cited text.

General Remarks

The objections to the specification have been addressed as discussed in the November 3, 1998 Amendment. The claim objections and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 are not relevant to the substitute claims presented here. Applicant respectfully submits that the substitute claims comply with 35 U.S.C. §112.

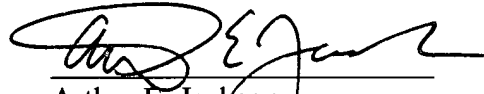
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Closing Remarks

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action and believe this response to be a full and complete response to such Office Action. Accordingly, favorable reexamination, reconsideration in view of this response and allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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